

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
- b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.
- c) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
 - i. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

- a) Details of consultancies valued over the reporting threshold of \$10,000 undertaken from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date are published on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au). Consultancies valued under this reporting threshold are not recorded centrally.
- b) Planned consultancies are listed in the department's Annual Procurement Plan published on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).
- c) Yes.
 - (i) During this period there was one consultancy contract procured via limited tender (refer to contract notice 2225121 on Austender). There was a limited market for these services.